

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 20, 2009. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

The Examiner held that claims 16-18 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To expedite the allowance of the claims, Applicant has incorporated the allowable subject matter from claim 16 into claim 2 and has cancelled claims 12, 14-16, and 21-32 without prejudice. Claim 17 and 18 have been amended to depend from claim 1, and claim 20 has been amended to further narrow the scope of the claim. Upon the entry of these claim cancellations and claim amendments, all claims depend from allowable claim 1.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, the Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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